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SOURCE

On 7 December 1952, Soviet warship 7-14 was taking on coal at the  
coaling station on the north end of the export harbor in Riga. She  
was a 2,000 to 3,000 ton ship, with one funnel, two masts and a straight  
stem. She had a searchlight at her foremast and was carrying the Soviet  
war ensign. Another vessel, marked T-038, and a third vessel with a  
small name plate on her stern were also berthed at the coaling station.  
The T-038 had one funnel, while the other vessel had two funnels. The  
vessel with the name plate was an old German torpedo boat, which had  
superstructures for torpedo mounts but no torpedo armament. The pier  
and the coaling station were barred and closely guarded during the  
coaling operation. Following the coaling operation, the warships put  
out to sea again.

2. No Soviet warships were seen in the Duena muende harbor basin on 9 and  
10 December 1952. Some PT-boats were hauled up on shore.

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1. Comment: All former German torpedo boats delivered to the USSR  
were oil-burners. As the reported vessels were taking on coal, the  
vessel with the name plate at could not possibly have been a former  
German torpedo boat.

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